what is the number of workers in public and private sectors who are likely to retire under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme during the year 1995-96;

(d) whether any difficulty is being experienced on the voluntary retirement of experienced/technical workers; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propose to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) As per the available information 1,76,954 workers/employees in the Central Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) have opted for Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) till 31.3.1995. The year-wise break up is is under:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Upto 31.3.1993 | — | 1,01,295 |
| During 1993-94 | — | 46,426 |
| During 1994-95 | — | 29,233 |
| | Total = | 1,76,954 |

The assesment about the number of employees/workers who would be retiring have to be made by the PSEs themselves. The exact number of employees/workers who would be retiring under the VRS during the year 1995-96 in each PSE is, therefore, not available.

Information on VRS with regard to Private Sector is not maintained.

The total amount paid to the workers/employees on their retirement is an ex-gratia payment equivalent to 1¼ months' emoluments (pay+DA) for each completed year of service or the monthly emoluments (pay+DA) at the time of retirment multiplied by the balance months of service left before the normal date of retirement, whichever is less.

(d) and (e) As the VRS is meant to be introduced only when there is surplus manpower the question of experiencing any difficulty on the voluntary retirement of experienced/technical workers etc. does not arise.

**Testing of Unani Drugs**

1780. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established Pharmacopoaia Committee and testing laboratory in the National Capital to test the Unani drugs supplied to C.G.H.S. dispansaries;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to ensure the quality of Unani medicines supplied to the C.G.H.S. beneficiaries in the Capital and elsewhere?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Govt. of India has established Unani Pharmacopoeia Committee and Pharmacopoeial Laboratory of Indian Medicine, Ghaziabad to test the medicines of Ayurved, Unani and Siddha. This Laboratory also undertakes testing of the samples of Unani drugs sent from CGHS Unani Stores.

The Unani Purchase Advisory Committee comprising the experts of CGHS and the Ministry of Health monitor the quality of Unani medicines which are provided for use of CGHS beneficiaries. Besides, tests for quality are also carried out in PLIM, Ghaziabad.

**Solar Photovoltaic Plants in Maharashtra**

1781. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many solar photovoltaic plants are likely to be set up in Maharashtra during the remaining period of Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHANA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources provides support to the States and Union Territories for installation of Solar photovoltaic power plants. No specific State-wise targets for the establishment of such plants have been set for the Eighth Five Year Plan. Any proposals from Maharashtra would be considered for support as and when received.

**Revamping Family Welfare Programmes**

1782. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to revamp the Famiuly planning programmes;

(b) what are the salient features thereof; and

(c) the date by which the programme will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) New initiatives like exemption from Quantitative Contraceptive targets, monitoring of quality indicators, sensitisation of State level officials on quality aspects are being taken up to improve quality of services.

**Vasectomy and Tubectomy**

1783. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite proven safety, reversibility and complication-free natutre of vasectomy operations as compared to tubectomy operation, male-acceptors of sterilisation are few and far between.

(b) if so, the comparative figures of male and female acceptors of sterilisation who have undergone the operations during the past four years; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to revolutionise the Population Control Programme to save the country from an inevitable catastrophe of population crossing all economic parameters of growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)

| Year | Sterilisation | |
|---|---|---|
| | Male | Female |
| 1991-92 | 174201 | 3915838 |
| 1992-93 | 150719 | 4135587 |
| 1993-94* | 149741 | 4345912 |
| 1994-95* | 117678 | 4207741 |

*Figures are provisional

(c) An Action Plan formulated in consultation with the State Governments and Union Territories is under implementation. Its features include improving the quality and outreach of services, promotion of spacing methods among younger age couples, special focus on 90 lagging districts, involving voluntary and non-governmental organisations to promote community participation and strengthening of interventions to promote maternal and child helath care.

**Modernisation of Indian Navy**

1784. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are Government's preparations to match armed Navy of China and Pakistan;